

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

March 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Pamela Davis; Ellis Withington; and Assistant Assessor Delfino Garcia.

Pamela Davis called the meeting to order in the Assessor's Department at 6:15 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Delfino Garcia.

MINUTES

Ms. Davis motioned to table the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting, open session. Mr. Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

BILLS PAYABLE

The **BOA** reviewed the following invoices:

- Mileage (Del Garcia) - \$91.55
- Office Supplies - \$11.97
- Monaghan Printing co., Inc. - \$91.51
- MAAO 2014 Spring Conference – April 10th - \$60.00
- MAAO 2014 Summer Conference – June 24th – 27th – \$210.00
- Annual Dues Notice due – Bristol County Assessors Assn., Inc. - \$40.00

Mr. Withington made a motion to process payments of said invoice, Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

MONTH END REPORTS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed and acted on Motor Vehicle and Boat excise tax month end reports processed during the month of February.

EXEMPTIONS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed and acted on exemptions processed. Signed first time exemptions; boat, MVX, and Real Estate Exemptions.

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES

Reviewed and discussed the following ATB cases scheduled in March were postponed.

Map 27 Lot 10 - Atty. David G. Saliba called on behalf of his client to postpone the ATB case in March to sometime in May. Counsel also has some document in his file which apparently an alleged settlement was reached previously and received an abatement on behalf of his client. He will look in his file and send those documents to the Board of Assessors for their review. The board did review the letter from Atty. Saliba dated March 5, 2014 and attached documents stating an agreement was made in FY12 to abate and the board voted to abate. Atty. Saliba also postponed ATB hearing to sometime in May. The board instructed the Assistant Assessor to contact Atty. Saliba to discuss settlement.

M28 L014K - Atty. John Francour called on behalf of their client will be asking to postpone the ATB hearing to sometime in April and will be sending in a follow-up letter stating the change of the ATB hearing dates. Also they are waiting for an appraisal to send in for the BOA's review.

On 2/18/14 Mr. Garcia spoke with Atty. Michael Kehoe informing him we placed a call to move the ATB cases scheduled in March. A letter was sent to the ATB postponing 10 cases scheduled for hearings. Atty. Kehoe also requested to be notified when we will be able to schedule field inspections of his client's property.

ABATEMENTS REVIEWED

The following abatements reviewed, tabled, abated or denied:

Pam Davis motioned to abate the following real estate applications #5, 5PP, 13, 16, and 20 as presented per the attached list. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0).

Pam Davis motioned to deny the following real estate applications #2, 3, 4, 9, 18, 19 as presented per the attached list. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Commercial field review was postponed due to inclement weather on March 14th 2014 to be conducted by Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor and Del Garcia, Asst. Assessor. Contact was made by the Asst. Assessor to all parties of interest of the postponement.

EDUCATION & SEMINARS

Reviewed and discussed the upcoming meetings, conferences and seminars presented by the MAAO which be attended by the Asst. Assessor.

1. MAAO 2014 Spring Conference – April 10th – Devens, MA
2. MAAO Summer Conference – June 24th to June 27th – So. Yarmouth, MA
3. MAAO Annual School – August 4th – 8th, 2014, Amherst, MA

ADJOIN

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 15, 2014 for 6:00 PM.

Pamela Davis motioned to adjoin the Board of Assessors meeting. Mr. Withington seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delfino R. Garcia
Assistant Assessor
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
(Minutes approved on March 18, 2014)

Ronald Manzone, Chairman, Board of Assessor

Pamela K. Davis, Board of Assessor

Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor